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Loans Rules. It is stated in the petition that the assessment on certain lands belonging to the petitioner was remitted in the last fasli. The petition has been transferred to the Board of Revenue. The Government have no other information.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know, when the Government themselves have granted remissions for want of proper crops, why they cannot extend the term for repayment of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, automatically without any application from the parties concerned? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" The answer itself says that such remissions are granted by the Collector. So also he can grant the extension of term for repayment of loans."

Grant of loans for relief of distress in famine areas.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that loans for relief of distress in famine areas in this Presidency are not being granted to village officers and other village servants and depressed classes, though they are pattadars;

(*b*) whether loans to such persons are not being granted in Anantapur district; and

(*c*) whether loans to such persons are being discouraged in Anantapur district?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" Sir, the answer given to this question is, 'the Government have no information.' May I ask the Hon. Member to call for the information and supply it to this House so that it may have an idea of the condition of the people of my district? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I think that is a matter entirely for the discretion of the Collector."

Protection of Wild Birds and Animals.

Number of cattle and people killed by wild animals in North Arcot during the last triennium.

* 239 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cattle and people killed by wild beasts in the North Arcot district, talukwar, during each of the last three years; and

(*b*) the number of rewards awarded for shooting wild animals during each of those years in the North Arcot district?

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